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SUBJ: TAIWAN UPRISING AND SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ANNIVERSARIES
PASS IN PEKING

1. PRC OBERVANCE ON FEB 28 OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE "TAIWAN UPRISING" AND THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE MARKED A CONTINUATION OF CHINESE POLICY:
ON THE ONE HAND, THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO ESCHEW THE USE OF
FORCE IN "LIBERATING" TAIWAN; ON THE OTHER, NO INCREASED
PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE US TO SPEED UP THE
NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

2. AT THE TAIWAN RALLY IN PEKING ATTENDED BY THREE POLITBURO
MEMBERS LED BY PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING, KEYNOTE
SPEAKER LIAO CHENG-CHIH UPDATED THE USUAL BOILER PLATE BY
NOTING THAT "THE BEHESTS OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOW
EN-LAI ON LIBERATING TAIWAN AND REUNIFYING OUR MOTHERLAND
WILL SURELY BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY CHAIRMAN HUA". TAIWAN IS AGAIN
CALLED AN "INTERNAL AFFAIR" THAT WILL "BROOK NO FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE". LIAO POINTED OUT THAT THE PEOPLE OF CHINA
AND THE PLA MUST CONTINUE TO "BE READY AT ALL TIMES TO
WIPE OUT ANY ENEMY INTRUDERS AND LIBERATE TAIWAN", ECHOING
A FEB 25 LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIAL ON THE SAME
THEME.

3. THE ONLY OFFICIAL PRC MEDIA MENTION OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WAS IN AN NCNA REPORT OF A FEB 28 RALLY BY 200 AMERICANS IN NEW YORK TO PRESS FOR EARLY NORMALIZATION OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. THUS THE CHINESE THEMSELVES DID NOT COMMENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY, BUT RATHER LET A GROUP OF AMERICANS SPEAK FOR THEM. AMONG THE PLACARDS AT THE RALLY, ACCORDING TO NCNA, WAS ONE READING, "NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA NOW, "WHILE A RALLY SPEAKER "REFUTED THE ABSURD PROPOSITION THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD COMMIT ITSELF TO THE NON-USE OF ARMED FORCE IN THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN". LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS COMMENTARY ELABORATED ON AMERICAN CALLS FOR NORMALIZATION THIS YEAR, BLAMED THE DELAY ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAD BOTH STATED THAT SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, NEITHER HAD SPECIFIED A TIMEFRAME FOR NORMALIZATION.

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